

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
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**Communications Portfolio**  
**Australian Communications and Media Authority**

**Question No: 49**

**Program No. Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Workplace assessments**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments since 7 September 2013? List each item of expenditure and cost.
2. Have any assessments, not related to an existing disability, resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up? If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes.

**Answer:**

1. In the period 7 September 2013 to 28 February 2014, the agency spent \$16,974 on workplace ergonomic assessments. This included assessments following the relocation of the Canberra and Melbourne Offices. Fifteen individual workstation assessments were undertaken during the period. The agency spent \$1,630 on equipment as a result of these assessments. The main items purchased were office chairs, footrests and wrist-rests.
2. The ACMA's workplace wellbeing strategies provide for workplace assessments as a risk mitigation measure. In requesting an assessment, an employee is not required to identify where there is an existing disability or injury. Therefore, it is not possible to identify whether an assessment is related to an existing disability.